

Points of View

Introduction

In this, our twenty-sixth year of publication, *The Yale Journal of International Law* has broadened its scope, in our continuing effort to enhance discussion about the practice and theory of international public order. We have initiated two new features: a Young Scholars Conference and a “Points of View” section of the *Journal*.

The Conference, held at the Yale Law School on March 24, 2001, brought together area law students to present and discuss their papers on three broad topics—global constitutionalism, human rights, and international business law. The papers and themes were synthesized and critiqued in a stirring keynote address by Professor Harold Hongju Koh, who recently returned to Yale after serving for several years as President Clinton’s Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Professor Koh urged students to pursue their interests in international law and offered guidance on navigating the terrain of legal academia while retaining a commitment to public service. The Conference was immensely successful, and it is the *Journal*’s hope that we can continue to bring student scholars together in this unique and exciting forum.

With this issue, we also introduce “Points of View,” which provides an alternative forum for the discussion of major issues in international and comparative law. While full-length articles remain the standard vehicle for the advancement of our discipline, the *Journal* believes that the scope of our mission includes making a contribution to scholarship by providing an arena for advancing personal perspectives in a more abbreviated form. In that spirit, we are soliciting short, perceptive, op-ed essays of approximately 1200 words. By making “Points of View” a regular feature, we hope to initiate dialogue about current international legal problems and encourage debate about potential solutions to those problems.

